

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Marc E. Elias Perkins Coie 607 Fourteenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20005-2011

RE: MUR 5421

John Kerry for President, Inc. Robert Farmer, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

This is in response to your letter dated March 26, 2004, which we received on that day requesting an extension until Monday, April 26, 2004 to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before April 26, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Kim C. Stevenson, Paralegal Complaints Examination and

Legal Administration